

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 11-18 and 57 remain in this application. Claims 2, 19, 44, 46-48, 50 and 51 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 56 have been amended. Claim 57 has been added. Claims 1, 56 and 57 are independent claims.

In the Office action dated April 5, 2006, reasons were stated as to why claims 2 and 8 contained allowable subject matter. Other claims were rejected in view of one or more prior art references. Claims 1 and 56 have been amended on the basis of the indication of allowability. Additionally, claim 57 has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining pending claims are in an allowable condition.

Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the feature of dependent claim 2. Specifically, the claim now states that the controller is configured to execute both of the first conditional response and the second conditional response. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Since amended claim 1 incorporates all of the features of claims 1 and 2, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentably distinguished from the prior art.

Similarly, claim 8 was merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 57 includes all of the features of claim 8 and its base claim, i.e., claim 1. Consequently, Applicants submit that the claim is allowable over the prior art.

Claim 56 has been amended to include the features of claims 1 and 2. It is respectfully submitted that the amended claim 56 is similarly patentable over the cited prior art.

In addition to claim 2, claims 19, 44, 46-48, 50 and 51 have been cancelled.

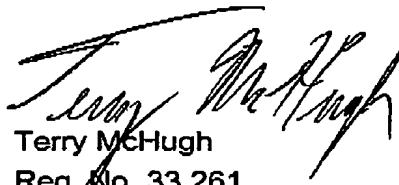
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. In the case that any issues regarding this application can

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be resolved expeditiously via a telephone conversation, Applicants invite the Examiner to call Terry McHugh at (650) 969-8458.

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